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## New Date for SMALL BUSINESS AWARD LUNCHEON TO HONOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ADVOCATES

Agency Administrator to Attend

SANTA ANA, CALIF – The Santa Ana District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will honor small businesses and supporters at the annual Small Business Award Luncheon on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. This year's theme "Small Business...The Ultimate Reality," celebrates SBA's 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Small Business Week. The award program pays tribute to the men and women who represent the best of America's entrepreneurial spirit. The luncheon is hosted by the Orange County Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Rancho Santiago Community College District, the Inland Empire SBDC, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, and California State University at Fullerton.

SBA District Director J. Adalberto Quijada said, "We are pleased to announce that for the first time in the history of our event SBA's Administrator, Hector Barreto, will attend to join us in proudly announcing our 2006 winners. Their entrepreneurial spirit exemplifies the best in our small business community." Over 500 people are expected to attend this year's event at The Grove of Anaheim, CA.

The Small Business Award Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$65 per person. For more information or to make reservations contact the Orange County Small Business Development Center at (714) 564-5202.

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